

CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST POWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS



A Sempra Energy utility MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST FORM

Date Submitted:	03-	-01-19 (Revised 03-	-08-19)]	Request #:		027		
Date Approval Required:	03-	-15-19		1	Landowners:		XXX		
APN:	XX	XX-XXX-XX & XX	XX-XX	X-X	X				
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In April 2015, San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E's) responses to Data Request #10 were submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The responses included Attachment B.3 TL629 Route Map¹ for the Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Project), which depicted approved staging yards. Page B-45 of the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) states that the Project's staging yards will be used for storage and preparation of construction materials, including replacement poles, conductors, and construction equipment, before delivery to the individual pole work areas. The information in this Minor Project Refinement (MPR) request discusses the enlargement of the Cameron Staging Yard, which was a baseline yard included in Attachment B.3 TL629 Route Map on Map 52 of 73. A brief description and justification of the refinement is provided on page 2 of this MPR request.					Map ¹ ging ates that acement				
Attachments (check all that	t app	oly):							
☐ Refinement Request Screening Form (see Attachment A: Minor Project Refinement Request Screening Form)		□ Photos (See Attachment B Photographs)	:	At	⊠ Maps (See tachment C: Sur Area Map)	vey		☐ Other	
Under Order 2 of the Decision Granting SDG&E Permit to Construct the Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (D.16-05-038), the CPUC may approve minor project refinements under certain circumstances. In accordance with Order 2 of the Decision, respond "yes" or "no" to the following questions (a) through (d).						ertain			
(a) Is the proposed refinem area? The requested refinement is larea, which is depicted in Figrefinement occurs completely the cultural and hydrological cultural resources surveys we specific surveys conducted of Minor Project Refinement Redepicted in Attachment C: Su	ocat gure y wit base ere co an be	ed within the geogr ES-1 Regional Ove thin the biological be- eline survey areas. onducted in 2017 at the found in each app st Screening Form,	raphic berview Moaseline Supplemed 2018	Map Map e sur mer 8. A	dary of the Fina in the Final EIR vey area, and pa tal hydrological additional details ource section in A	I EIR/E /EIS. ' rtially v biolog regard Attachn	EIS study The within cical, and ling the nent A:	□ Yes	⊠ No

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¹ Attachment B.3 TL629 Route Map depicts the 2015 baseline components.

(b) Will the proposed refinement increase in the severity of a parased in the EIR/EIS? Discussion of changes in signification criteria used in the Final EIR/E area are fully analyzed in Attact (c) Does the proposed refinement or policy?	reviously identified signicant impacts due to the rails and is resource area-sphment A: Minor Project Inent conflict with any miner	equested refinement becific. The change Refinement Requestitigation measure	ed on the crite ats is based on es to each resou t Screening For or applicable	☐ Yes □ Yes □ Yes □ Yes	⊠ No		
(d) Does the proposed refinen				☐ Yes	⊠ No		
As depicted in Attachment B: Photographs and Attachment C: Survey Area Map, SDG&E requests to enlarge the baseline Cameron Staging Yard from approximately 0.27 acre to approximately 0.82 acre. This change will result in an increase of approximately 0.52 acre of temporary impacts ² to disturbed (ruderal/barren) habitat. Minor grading and vegetation removal will be required for yard utilization and fire-prevention maintenance. Old vehicles and debris are present in the refinement area, but the property owner will be removing them prior to development of the yard. The refinement area will be accessed via an existing dirt construction-only access road that was approved in Notice to Proceed #19/MPR #22 for Transmission Line (TL) 6958, and is anticipated to be used for approximately 18 months in support of construction on TL6958 and TL6923. The activities associated with the utilization of the refinement area will be consistent with the project description provided in the Final EIR/EIS for staging yards. Provide need for refinement (attach drawings and photos as needed): The Cameron Staging Yard was approved as part of the 2015 baseline data; however, during the Notice to Proceed (NTP) phase of TL6958, SDG&E's construction contractor had not finalized the necessary footprint and use of this							
yard, so it was left out of NTP request #19. The construction contractor has since submitted the finalized footprint and intended uses of this yard. The construction contractor is requesting to enlarge the yard footprint to accommodate storage for the purchase/delivery of poles. Due to the delay in the construction schedule and because poles are remaining in yards longer than anticipated as they are not being installed on schedule, additional room is needed to accommodate storage of the poles/materials that will be used for construction on TL6958 and TL6923. Additionally, this yard is adjacent to the Cameron Substation (southern terminus of TL6958) and will provide additional workspace needed for overhead and underground work associated with the transmission and distribution tie-ins to the substation. The yard will also provide additional workspace for crews to assemble and frame steel poles and transport the poles to work sites located in the southern vicinity of TL6958 and the eastern vicinity of TL6923; thereby, reducing hauling limitations and the need for additional workspaces for framing poles along the right-of-way.							
Date refinement is expected to	o be implemented: 03	3-18-19					
Resource Agency Coord	ination						
Resource Agency	Name	Action Required	Date	Document (see attache			
Not Applicable (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	□ Yes □] No		

² Temporary impacts from the approved TL6958 work areas within the refinement area have been subtracted from this total.

ATTACHMENT A: MINOR	R PROJECT REFINEMEN	T REQUEST SCREENING FOR	М

MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST SCREENING FORM

RESOURCE EVALUATION

The requested refinement was evaluated to verify that it will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact based on the criteria used in the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Project). The following Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist answers the consistency questions for each resource category and includes a description and justification, as necessary. The consistency questions were developed using the California Environmental Quality Act Checklist provided in the Final EIR/EIS. Refer to the Final EIR/EIS for the details on the Project impact evaluation.

Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist					
Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A		
Visual Resources (e.g., adversely affect scenic vistas, damage scenic resources within a state scenic highway, degrade the existing visual character of the site and its surroundings, create sources of light or glare, or result in an inconsistency with applicable scenic integrity objectives)?					
Final EIR/EIS evaluation ³ : Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable					
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Visual Resources:					
The requested refinement will be consistent with the visual reso will not impact scenic vistas or substantially affect existing view. County of San Diego Scenic Route (i.e., Buckman Springs Road and presence of equipment due to enlargement of the refinement visual character of the area; however, these activities will be ter Applicant-Proposed Measure (APM) VIS-01 and APM VIS-02 result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the visual resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.	ws from an eligible d). Additional min t area may result in nporary and reduce Therefore, the rec	State Scenic High nor grading, veget an additional impaced with implement quested refinement	hway or a ation removal, ets to the tation of t will not		
Air Quality (e.g. produce additional emissions, conflict with applicable local air quality plans, or expose sensitive receptors to additional pollutants)? Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable	×				

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Air Quality:

Activities associated with construction and utilization of the requested refinement area (e.g., the type of equipment used and the number of truck trips) will be consistent with those discussed in the Final EIR/EIS and will not increase air emissions beyond what was analyzed. The refinement area is located within 1,000 feet of sensitive receptors, which is consistent with the 2015 baseline data analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS. Additional minor grading and vegetation removal due to enlargement of the refinement area may result in a negligible increase in air quality impacts in the localized area. These activities will be short-term and temporary. With the implementation of APM AIR-01 through APM AIR-05, use of the refinement area will not expose nearby sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations, which is consistent with the analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to air quality as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

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³ The Final EIR/EIS evaluations of impact significance are provided for each resource; this table notes the most significant determination within each resource section identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist					
Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A		
Biological Resources (e.g., result in temporary or permanent loss of native vegetation, preserve areas, native wildlife and/or their habitats; cause an adverse effect to jurisdictional waters or sensitive or special-status species; result in the introduction of invasive, non-native, or noxious plant species; conflict with local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan; or interfere with the movement of any resident or migratory wildlife)? Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse					

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Biological Resources:

The requested refinement area was surveyed for sensitive vegetation communities and special-status plant and wildlife species during initial Project surveys. To verify site conditions, a supplemental survey of the refinement area was conducted in 2018 to determine if sensitive biological resources occur within or adjacent to the refinement area. No special-status plant or wildlife species or other biological resource issues were identified within or adjacent to the refinement area that were not analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS. The refinement area will be incorporated into a stand-alone Pre-Activity Survey Report in accordance with SDG&E's Subregional Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP). Attachment C: Survey Area Map depicts the locations of the refinement area and biological survey results.

Enlargement of the refinement area will result in an increase of approximately 0.52 acre of temporary impacts⁴ to disturbed (ruderal/barren) habitat, which falls in the Agricultural/Disturbed/Developed/Bare Ground impact category for SDG&E's Subregional NCCP. One sticky geraea (*Geraea viscida*), a California rare plant species, is located on the north edge of the refinement area, as shown in Attachment C: Survey Area Map. Impacts to the plant will be avoided to the maximum extent possible by installing exclusion fencing/flagging near the known location.⁵ The refinement area does not occur within United States (U.S.) Fish and Wildlife Service-designated critical habitat or U.S. Forest Service occupied habitat. All mitigation measures (MMs) defined in the Project's Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program—as well as other permit and plan conditions—will be implemented as applicable to minimize or mitigate for any additional impacts. Thus, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to biological resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

⁴ Temporary impacts from the approved TL6958 work areas within the refinement area have been subtracted from this total.

⁵ Per the Project's approved Special-Status Plant Species Salvage and Relocation Plan, no treatment is required for this plant species.

Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist			
Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
Cultural and Paleontological Resources (e.g., cause an adverse change to Traditional Cultural Properties or historical, archeological, or paleontological resources; or disturb any human remains)?	\boxtimes		
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse			

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Cultural and Paleontological Resources:

The requested refinement area was partially surveyed for cultural resources during initial Project surveys and during surveys for SDG&E's Sunrise Powerlink Project. Intensive supplemental pedestrian surveys of the refinement area were conducted by ASM Affiliates, Inc. in 2017 and 2018. No new cultural resources were recorded during the supplemental survey, and one previously recorded historic resource (i.e., Buckman Springs Road) was identified within 50 feet of the refinement area. No cultural resource restrictions pertain to historic roads since they will not be impacted; therefore, no environmentally sensitive area fencing or cultural resource monitoring will be required. In addition, the requested refinement area occurs within the Project's area of potential effect, as defined in the Project's Programmatic Agreement. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to cultural resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

The requested refinement is underlain by a geological formation assigned a rank of Potential Fossil Yield Classification (PFYC) Class 1 (very low sensitivity). Because the refinement does not require pole installation underlain by rock units with a PFYC Class 3 (moderate or unknown sensitivity) ranking, additional paleontological monitoring and an update to the Paleontological Monitoring & Treatment Plan will not be required. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to paleontological resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Greenhouse Gases (e.g., result in a net increase of greenhouse gas emissions, or conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation that reduces greenhouse gas emissions)?	M	
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant (Class III)/Not adverse		

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Greenhouses Gases:

Activities associated with utilization of the requested refinement area will be consistent with the greenhouse gas (GHG) analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. Although additional minor grading and vegetation removal will occur due to the enlargement of the refinement area, these activities will not trigger an exceedance of the GHG threshold of 10,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year or an exceedance of the County of San Diego Climate Action Plan criteria for annual grading. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to GHG emissions as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
Public Health and Safety (e.g., result in a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials; emit hazardous waste within one-quarter mile of a school; be located on a hazardous materials site; result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the Project area; interfere with an adopted emergency plan; or create safety hazards due to structural failure)?			
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts of	D 11: 11 14	10.64	

The requested refinement occurs within the area assessed in the *Report on ASTM Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Cleveland National Forest Electric Safety and Reliability Project San Diego County, California.* In addition, a supplemental survey of the refinement area was conducted by Haley & Aldrich, Inc. in 2019. No known hazardous materials sites are located in the refinement area. Thus, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to public health and safety as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Fire and Fuels Management (e.g., increase the probability of a wildfire, reduce the effectiveness of firefighting, or introduce non-native plants that would contribute to ignition potential)?	×	
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse		

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Fire and Fuels Management:

The requested refinement will be located within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, which is consistent with the Fire and Fuels Management analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. The potential risk of wildfire ignition and spread associated with the refinement area will be managed in compliance with the Project's Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to fire and fuels management as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
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n Hydrology and	Water Quality:	
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The requested refinement area was partially surveyed for the presence of waters of the state and/or the U.S. (i.e., jurisdictional wetlands or non-wetland waters) during initial Project surveys. A supplemental survey of the refinement area was conducted in 2018. The requested refinement does not contain any waters of the state or U.S. A storm water conveyance structure for the Cameron Substation is located north and east of the refinement area, but impacts to this structure will be avoided. To minimize potential impacts from erosion and off-site sedimentation during construction, the refinement area was incorporated into a Change of Information (COI) to the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for Circuit (C) 440, C442, C449, Transmission Line (TL) 629C, and TL6958 (Waste Discharge Identification #9 37C381630). The COI was submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board's Stormwater Multiple Applications and Report Tracking System. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to hydrology and water quality as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Land Use (e.g., disturb land uses at or near the Project components, divide an established community, or conflict with a land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the Project)?		
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable		

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Land Use:

There is one property owner within 1,000 feet of the requested refinement area that was not notified of construction activities on TL6958 on November 14, 2018. In accordance with the Construction Notification Plan and MM LU-1, this property owner will be notified 15 days prior to use of the refinement area. The requested refinement will not introduce a new land use, establish a permanent barrier or obstacle between uses, or create a physical division or separation of use. In addition, the requested refinement will not conflict with the applicable land use plans, policies, or regulations of an agency with jurisdiction over the Project, as they are located in the same County of San Diego land use and zoning designations that were analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to land use as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist				
Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A	
Noise (e.g., disturb sensitive receptors and violate local rules, standards, and/or ordinances; or cause ground borne vibration)? Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse	×			
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts of	n Noise			
Additional construction-related noise will be generated within the requested refinement area due to minor grading and vegetation removal associated with the enlargement of the refinement area. The refinement area is located within 1,000 feet of sensitive receptors, which is consistent with the 2015 baseline data analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS. Use of the enlarged refinement area may result in temporary increases in noise levels; however, the additional minor grading and vegetation removal will be short-term and temporary. Further, with implementation of noise-related MMs and APMs, noise impacts from construction activities associated with the refinement area will be the same as those analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to noise as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.				
Public Services and Utilities (e.g., result in construction of new, or expansion of existing, facilities for fire protection, municipal water supplies, telecommunications, and solid waste; or disrupt electric service)?	×			
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse				
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts of	n Public Services	and Utilities:	ı	
The requested refinement will be consistent with the public ser and will not require new or expanded facilities or services. The a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity services and utilities as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.	erefore, the request	ed refinement wil	l not result in	
Recreation (e.g., reduce access and visitation to recreation areas, preclude recreational activities, or result in increased, unauthorized access to specially designated or restricted areas)?	×			
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse				
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts of	on Recreation:			

The requested refinement area will be located near the approved TL6923 and TL6958 alignments, including near the Hauser Wilderness and proposed trails/pathways (i.e., Buckman Springs Road Pathway, Phelps Road Trail, and Lake Morena Drive Pathway). Consistent with the analysis in the Final EIR/EIS, use of the refinement area will not reduce or preclude access or visitation to the previously mentioned recreational areas, nor will it increase the possibility of unauthorized access to specially designated or restricted areas. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to recreation as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist				
Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A	
Transportation and Traffic (e.g., conflict with an applicable congestion management program or a plan, ordinance, or policy associated with the circulation system or alternative transportation; increase hazards due to a design feature; or result in inadequate emergency access)?				
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse				

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Transportation and Traffic:

The requested refinement will not require additional or different types of construction vehicles and equipment than those discussed in the Final EIR/EIS. In addition, the total number of truck trips associated with construction of the Project will not change, and use of the refinement area will affect the same roadways analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS, including Buckman Springs Road. Therefore, with the implementation of APM TRANS-01 through APM TRANS-05, potential temporary impacts to the existing levels of service (LOS)⁶ will be adequately addressed. Thus, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to transportation and traffic as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

⁶ Buckman Springs Road has an LOS of A through C.

ATTACHMENT B: PHOTOGRAPHS



Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects

Minor Project Refinement Request #27 Attachment B: Photographs



Photograph 1:

Northwest-facing view of the requested Cameron Staging Yard and the existing approved access road, as observed on November 2, 2018. All vehicles and debris will be removed by the property owner prior to development of the yard.



Photograph 2:

Northeast-facing view of the requested Cameron Staging Yard, as observed on November 2, 2018.

ATTACHMENT C: SURVEY AREA MAP

